

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A [An injectable] composition for injectable delivery of osteogenic proteins to a patient comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable admixture comprising

- (a) an osteogenic protein; and
- (b) an injectable hyaluronic acid ester.

Claim 2 (original): The composition of claim 1 further comprising tricalcium phosphate.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1 further comprising a pore-forming agent wherein said pore-forming agent promotes in situ pore formation following injection of said composition.

Claim 4 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the osteogenic protein is selected from the group consisting of members of the BMP family.

Claim 5 (original): The composition of claim 4 wherein the osteogenic protein is BMP-2.

Claim 6 (original): The composition of claim 4 wherein the osteogenic protein is OP-1.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A [An injectable] composition for injectable delivery of osteogenic proteins to a patient comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable admixture comprising

- (a) BMP-2;
- (b) an injectable hyaluronic acid ester.

Claims 8-10 (canceled)

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Claim 11 (previously presented): The composition of claim 2 further comprising a pore-forming agent wherein said pore-forming agent promotes in situ pore formation following injection of said composition.

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